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speech by coupling the waveform element selected by the synthesis unit selection unit to the other,

wherein the synthesis unit selection unit selects the waveform element for the synthesis unit of the text, the  
5 synthesis unit corresponding to a boundary portion of the recorded speech, from the information of the database.

Furthermore, the present invention can be realized as a program that allows a computer to execute the above-described method for creating an intonation, or to function as the  
10 above-described speech synthesis apparatus. This program can be provided by being stored in a magnetic disk, an optical disk, a semiconductor memory or other recording media and then distributed, or by being delivered through a network.

Furthermore, the present invention can be realized by a  
15 voice server which mounts a function of the above-described voice synthesis apparatus and provides a telephone-ready service.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

20 Hereafter, the present invention will be explained based on the embodiments shown in the accompanying drawings.

FIG. 1 is a view schematically showing an example of a hardware configuration of a computer apparatus suitable for realizing a speech synthesis technology of this embodiment.

25 FIG. 2 is a view showing a configuration of a speech synthesis system according to this embodiment, which is realized by the computer apparatus shown in FIG. 1.